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What's Cooking in the City's Newest Condos

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The Visionaire, 55 Battery Place

Battery Park City is becoming well known as a mecca for “green” design buildings. The Albanese Organization, developers of the Visionaire, began this pioneering trend when it opened The Solaire a few years ago in this neighborhood. Its newest project aspires to the highest LEED platinum certification, and combines luxury living with the manifold benefits of a healthy environment.

Each open-plan kitchen is outfitted with a range of tactile and organic warm-toned natural materials, including sustainably harvested white oak stained floors, black granite river-washed countertops, and solid bamboo cabinetry. The dramatic Waterworks backsplash, comprised of hand inlaid, reflective glass art pieces arranged in a brick pattern, has a tortoiseshell appearance. This careful attention to detail is showcased in the selection of energy-efficient, vacuum-sealed Sub-Zero refrigerator, silent operating ASKO Swedish dishwasher, Wolf dual-convection oven, and microwave containing a concealed toaster oven.

A wall switch, adjacent to the stainless-steel hood, activates a 24-hour exhaust system, which removes cooking fumes to the outside of the building. This has the added benefit of avoiding food odors in other tenants' apartments. “An environmentally friendly building is a way of acting responsibly and showing that it's possible to get luxury and quality out of efficiency,” says Tim Button of Stedila Design, who created the interiors. “It's not only about not hurting the planet. It's also about not hurting the people who live in it.”

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Below: 535 West End Avenue. Rendering by dbox inc.